



Community Christian Church Lincolnshire, Illinois

February 2011 Newsletter

About the Birthday Dinner and Auction. . .

If you are new to Community Christian Church (CCC) or have never attended the annual Birthday Dinner and Auction, allow me to describe it to you.

First and foremost, it's an adult fellowship event to celebrate the church's birthday. We often see CCC alumni in attendance and guests are welcome. The event is held at a club or banquet hall; this year at the White Deer Run Golf Club in Vernon Hills. The evening begins at 5:30pm with appetizers and drinks while attendees visit and view the silent auction items displayed around the room. The auction items include donations from members of our church family as well as from local area businesses. This year, we plan to auction some items (like restaurant gift cards) in the weeks prior to April 9 via email or telephone. There will also be a raffle as well as Mystery Bags with great values.

At 7pm the silent auction is closed, food is served, and we relax and enjoy those at our table. The Master of Ceremonies will guide us through the program with words from our Minister Emeritus, Nelson Irving, and General Board Chair, Audrey Steele. Then the fun begins with a live auction of 8 to 10 items.

A word about coalitions.... Some auction items lend themselves to a group purchase. Examples would be a golf outing or group dinner. Pull together a group to bid on an item and decide on your "maximum" bid. Competition is often spirited for these valuable offerings. The opportunity to enjoy the company of church friends at a later date extends the celebration!

During the dinner program, silent auction results will be tabulated and the winning bidders will receive a tally of their purchases. Bring your check books! After check out, collect your items, go home and sleep well. We all have church the next morning, so it's not a late night.

So, plan to attend . . . plan to donate . . . plan to buy.

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**REVIVE! &
ALIVE!**

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SAVE THESE DATES

April 9, 2011
Birthday Dinner

July 10-15
CCC Mission Trip

October 1, 2011
CCC Garage Sale

Nelson's Notes

Laugh A Little - A Lot! The Healing, Coping Power of Laughter

*How we laughed and sang for joy, and the other nations said,
"What amazing things the lord has done for them." - Psalm 126:2*

I once saw a picture of Jesus that I had never seen before...he was laughing! It was captivating and infectious. Having celebrated Christmas, and preparing for the season of Lent, I'm ever reminded that laughter is an indispensable part of the Christian journey. How easily I am drawn to its healing power. Laughter is an essential part of God's grace. How thankful I am, because I love to laugh and to hear others laugh. The writer of Ecclesiastes says there is "a time to laugh," and he is right, because laughter and good humor bring relief and even joy to difficult times.

Laughter IS good medicine, and some of us need to laugh a little more. It's a good thing to remember that there is a God, and thankfully, God is neither you nor me. God surely loves our laughter as much as our tears; otherwise I'm in serious trouble.

Chuck Jones, creator of Bugs Bunny and friends, said that laughter was good because it made people feel less alone. David Henninger, writing in the Wall Street Journal, says that we don't laugh the way we used to...that "it went down a wabbit hole addressed political correctness." It's true, too bad for us. Lighten up!

Consider this - humor helps us cope not just with the trivial but with the tragic as well. Victor Frankl, in his book, "Man's Search of Meaning," speaks of using humor to survive imprisonment during World War II. Frankl and another inmate invented at least one amusing story each day to help them cope with the horrors surrounding them. According to Bill Cosby, "If you can find humor in something, you can survive it." Researchers agree. Studies reveal that individuals who have a strong sense of humor are less likely to experience burnout and depression. And they are more likely to enjoy life in general - even when carrying heavy burdens.

Norman Cousins, once editor of Saturday Review, wrote about his life-changing experience with humor. He reported in his book "Anatomy of an Illness" that laughter helped turn the tide of his serious collagen disease. "I made the joyous discovery that 10 minutes of genuine belly laughter had an anesthetic effect and would give me at least two hours of pain-free sleep." (If I recall, he watched the Three Stooges a lot...a man after my own heart.) He calls laughter "inner jogging" because every system in our body gets a workout when we have a hearty laugh.

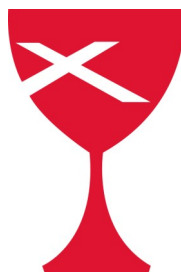
I'll bet Jesus laughed deeply and often, which was probably one of the rare qualities that distinguished him from the religious leaders of the day.

There's always plenty of laughter at CCC, and we are a healthier church family because of it. Proverbs 17:22 tells us: "A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bone." I couldn't have said it better myself, (humbly speaking).

Be of good cheer, indeed!

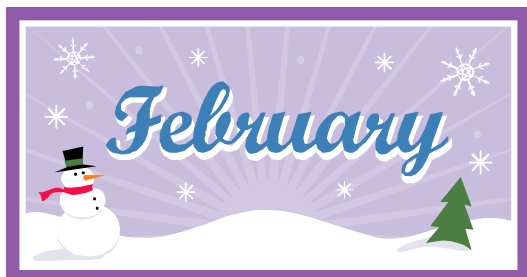
~ Nelson

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any time you feel it's necessary.

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Upcoming Events

- 2/5 Men's Breakfast, 8am
- 2/6 General Board, 11:10am
- 2/6 Souper Bowl of Caring
- 2/8 Soup Kitchen, 4-7:30pm
- 2/12 Women's Coffee Break, 8am

Youth Activities are listed on page 5

Ongoing Events

Worship Services - Sundays, 8 & 10am
 Café 920 - Sundays, 9:20am
 Youth Group Meetings - Sundays, 11:30am-1pm
 Prayer Group - Tuesdays, 9am
 Soup Kitchen - 2nd Wednesday, 4pm
 Choir Practice - Wednesdays, 7pm
 Men's Breakfast - 1st Saturday, 8am
 Women's Coffee Break - 2nd Saturday, 8am



All men - particularly those who have not previously attended - are cordially invited to attend the monthly men's breakfast, which takes place from 8 to 9am. on the first Saturday of each month. Our next get-together will be on Saturday, February 5. The first half-hour is a time for conversation and fellowship, and the second half-hour is an informal book discussion.

We are presently reading *Who You Are When No One's Looking*, by Bill Hybels (available at amazon.com for less than \$10 paperback). This month, we will be discussing Chapter 4. Even if you haven't previously attended - you can easily pick up the book at this chapter or any chapter (although you'll probably find it good enough that you'll want to read the chapters you have skipped). But regardless of whether you have read the chapter or not - or even have the book - or even want to eat breakfast - please come join for the company! We hope to see you! If you have any questions, please contact Charlie Service csakserv@aol.com



Please save the date for the 2011 CCC Women's Retreat. This event has been rescheduled from February to May due to planning issues. It will now be Friday, May 13th - Saturday, May

14th. There will be an option to stay overnight if you are looking to sleep for more than 6 hours without being interrupted. More information will be coming soon. Susan Short is looking for a planning partner for this fun and meaningful event. If you are interested, please contact Susan at (847) 540-6995 or via e-mail at susnat@ameritech.net

Relax ♥ Rejuvenate ♥ Recaffeinate

Please come join the women of CCC Saturday, February 12th at 8am. We meet at Einstein Brothers Bagels on Milwaukee Road to relax, talk, laugh, and get to know each other a little better. All you have to do is show up. We are usually there until at least 9:30. Come when you can and leave when you need to. There is no agenda or schedule. We are a free-flowing group and we'd love to see you there!



CCC Youth Page

CCC Youth Mission:

"To gather as friends in a fun, safe environment
to share stories and learn how to center our lives on Christ."

ALIVE!

5th THROUGH 8th GRADERS

REVIVE!

9th through 12th Graders



What Are YOU doing This Summer?

We're hoping you can fit the 2011 CCC Mission Trip into your plans!! Thanks to Pip Gledhill and Chris Lausche and all their tireless phone calling and hours of planning, we have a Mission Trip scheduled for July 10-15. We're going to Indianapolis to join more Christian youth for the Week of Hope. If you have that week free and you are 12 or older, please let us know you will be coming by contacting the church office. We will need to register as a group very soon and that will require a \$50 non-refundable (but transferrable) deposit. Please do not register online yet. Let us know you're interested and we'll contact you with more details. For more about the trip go to:

<http://www.groupweekofhope.com/register/camp-details?campCode=11N14>

February Schedule

All events from 11:30am-12:30pm

2/6	Alive & Revive	Guest Speaker
2/13	Revive/Alive	Gather2Grow
2/20	Alive & Revive	Mission Statement
2/27	Revive/Alive	Gather2Grow

Guest Speaker: Tina Sernett from The Sports Shed will join us to let us know about a service project opportunity. The Sports Shed collects new and gently used sports equipment to help kids who desire to play sports but don't have resources to buy equipment. The equipment is distributed to noble organizations who provide sports programs for kids in need.

Mission Statement:

We have lived our Youth Mission Statement for about a year now. Let's get together and see if we can expand that statement into a Vision AND Mission Statement.

Please Stay in Touch!

CCC is proud to let you know that there are many ways we can communicate with you: CCC Website, Newsletter, Sunday Flyers, Facebook, Weekly emails and text messages. Your help is needed, however...please let the church office know your preferred method of communication and the email address or cell phone number where you can be reached. The next step is all yours - check your email, reply to your texts, comment on the Facebook page, check out the website or just pick up a phone - old fashioned like!

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CCC Website: CCCLincolnshire.org

CCC Email: CCCLincolnshire@comcast.net

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Sunday School Workshop Rotation for 2011

Test of Faith

Throughout the scriptures people faced many challenges to their faith. From Adam and Eve to you and me, there are times when we do well and live in ways that are pleasing to God. At other times we find ourselves in need of God's grace because we have missed the mark. Through the stories of faith we learn that God's grace is always extended to us.

February – Garden of Gethsemane
March – Doubting Thomas
April – Pentecost
May – Jonah



Discipleship Class for Confirmation and Baptism

During Lent, Nelson will be leading a Discipleship class exploring dimensions of the life of faith including the meanings of Scripture, Baptism, Discipleship, and membership in the Church. The class will culminate with a baptismal service tentatively scheduled for Palm Sunday, April 17. Those in the 6th grade and older are invited to participate.



Dates: Tuesdays, March 19 - April 12

Time: 3:15 - 4:15 pm

- flexible according to your schedule

Location: Church Office

More Info: Contact Nelson

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CCC Supports Souper Bowl



There will be a special collection on Sunday, January 30th & Sunday, February 6th to benefit the Community Social Services' Soup Kitchen and the Vernon Township Food Pantry as part of the Souper Bowl of Caring. Please bring your food items to church and place them in the basket in the Narthex or in the church office - this collection will go on all year. CCC youth will be collecting your generous monetary donations in soup pots on January 30th and February 6th. Checks should be made out to CCC but designate Souper Bowl on the memo line. Help those in need, and enjoy the football game!

CCC's 2010 Directory

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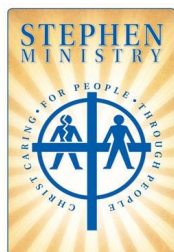
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The new CCC Directory will be available within the next few weeks. If you have any changes you'd like to make, please contact the church office *immediately*. In order to keep expenses down, photo directories will be available only if you request one from the church office.

EZGtoons.com

by Erin Gillespie





Lottery Winners Split 300 Million

Did you happen to notice this story in the media recently? What an amazing win-fall for the winners, their families, friends and even the IRS. It's hard not to pause and think of what we might do with such astronomical riches!

Meanwhile, as Christians, we frequently overlook the enormous wealth we share in the endless love of our Lord. If you have noticed that issues in your life are preventing you from embracing the joy our heavenly father intended for you, it may be wise to meet with a Stephen Minister. Please call Andrea Fisher, 847 267-9796 or Char Schwan, 847-949-9720 to make the arrangements.

To qualify for the security of God's love does not require a Lottery ticket.

Letter from the General Board Chair

Greetings!

On December 5, the congregation met to vote on the proposed budget for 2011. As a result, I wanted to share with you our approved Outreach budget.

Angel Fund	1,000
DMF Disciples Mission Fund	10,000
Habitat for Humanity	1,000
Illinois / Wisconsin Region	3,000
Northern IL Food Bank	1,500
PADS Crisis Services	1,000
St Barts / Waukegan Soc. Svcs	2,000
St Martin de Porres High School	2,000
Week of Compassion	2,500
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	\$24,000

There are so many wonderful things happening at CCC lately and in the coming months that I would encourage all members to check the activities in this newsletter, the Weekly Word, the bulletin inserts and on the bulletin boards in Friendship Hall and try to participate in at least one (or more) activity during February.

Blessings,  
Audrey Steele

The father of a family - who is a big-time techie - got his oldest daughter an iPhone for her birthday.

He also got an iPad for his son. Later an iPod for the youngest daughter.

So when his anniversary rolled around, he got his wife an iRon.

That's when the fight began.

# Giggles...

## Lenten Devotionals

During the season of Lent, you can receive devotionals in your email inbox every morning. To receive the Lenten devotionals - written by the staff of general ministries that receive support from the Easter Special Offering for our denomination - go to:

<http://www.disciplesmissionfund.org/SpecialDayOfferings/EasterSpecialDayOffering/tabid/479/Default.aspx>

Printed devotionals will be available here at church: one for families and one for adults. They will be available beginning February 20.

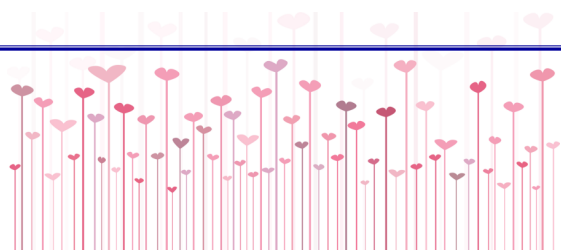


## Lenten Dates to Remember

March 1	Discipleship Class Begins
March 9	Ash Wednesday, Lent begins
April 17	Palm Sunday
April 21	Maundy Thursday
April 24	Easter

## Happy Birthday!

Dave Larson	2
Gail Campbell	3
Tom Carlucci	4
John Westerberg	4
MaryJane Hansen	8
Brian Reich	8
Barbara Butler	9
Ben Marder	9
Jonah Hanson	10
Kim Sylvan	12
Jayne Zimmerman	12
Michael Dolan	14
Ron Coolley	15
Stephanie Dollinger	16
Harold Severns	17
Jim Dolan	23
Connor Salm	24
Ryan Salm	24
Jessica Wilson	25
Matt Wilson	25
Jennifer Bufe	26
Judy DeWald	26
Victor Larimer	28



## Happy Anniversary!

Chris and Carolyn Cabanban	24
Perry and Ginny Grace	24

## Thank You!!

Thank you to those who served at the Soup Kitchen in December when 165 guests were served:

Jim DeWald  
Pip Gledhill  
Dawn Hainsworth  
Chris Lausche  
Judy Mankus  
Borchueh Wu  
Ping Wu

Thank you to those who served treats at Fellowship Hour in January:

The Steele family  
The Wu family  
The O'Neil family  
The Rodbro family

Thank you to everyone who helped take down Christmas.

Thank you to everyone who helped with Cookie Sunday.

Thanks to the unsung heroes of our church who took care of the sump pump problem we had in December. I don't have all the details, but what I heard was that Boy Scout Troop 78 discovered the water in our basement. Jim DeWald and Perry Grace spent their entire Saturday fixing, replacing, and cleaning up. All was done so seamlessly that none of us would notice the difference the next day, which was a Sunday. Because of their efforts our Sunday service and children's Sunday school were not disrupted. Very few people know about this. I think it's important that the congregation know about the "quiet" service that Jim and Perry did. Thank you!

## *Long Term Prayer List*

When a name is put on the long term prayer list, it will remain there for six months. At the end of that time period, it will be removed. If you feel a name needs to stay on the list beyond six months, simply resubmit the name when it is removed and it will gladly be added.

Alton family  
 Andrea  
 Andrew Austin  
 Ann Irving  
 Ann, Jim & family  
 Barb  
 Bill  
 Brent  
 Brian  
 Brian Pilla & family  
 Darryl Handcock  
 Eleanore Ditrick  
 Fisher family  
 George Sanders  
 Gruenfelder family  
 Harold Severns  
 Jeff's family  
 Jocelyn Herman  
 Karen Bonner  
 Kay Van Alstine  
 Kyle  
 Larry Fawver  
 McKenna Webler  
 Myers family  
 Nan & John  
 National & World Leaders  
 Our Pastoral Search Committee  
 Our Stephen Ministry  
 Our Troops  
 Peggy & Sean Bracken Sr.  
 Rita  
 Roger Kindsci  
 Stablein family



## *Short Term Prayer List*

Names added to the short term prayer list will appear for three consecutive weeks, after which, if there is need to continue, they will be moved to the long term prayer list.

Bill Stuckey  
 Bud Williams  
 Danielle  
 Elaine  
 Peg  
 Stephanie  
 Tom Fox



**that was easy.**

## Contact the Elders

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Sharon Service	847 236-0608
Lauren Wismer	847 414-9262



# FEBRUARY 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
		<div> <div>■ 9a Prayer Group</div> <div>■ 7:30p Commissioners</div> </div>	<div> <div>Groundhog Day</div> <div>■ 7p Choir Practice</div> </div>			<div> <div>■ 8a Men's Breakfast</div> </div>
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<div> <div>■ Souper Bowl of Caring</div> <div>■ 8a Worship</div> <div>■ 10a Worship</div> <div>■ 11a Guest Speaker</div> <div>■ 11:30a Board</div> </div>	<div> <div>■ 7p Troop 78, FH,S,TH</div> </div>	<div> <div>■ 9a Prayer Group</div> <div>■ 7:30p Roundtable</div> </div>	<div> <div>■ 4p Soup Kitchen</div> <div>■ 7p Choir Practice</div> </div>			<div> <div>Lincoln's Birthday</div> <div>■ 8a Women's Coffee Break</div> </div>
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